

Small Categories Series

Mountains!

Why not?! Look what this category has to offer..

- Olympus Mons on Mars is the highest mountain in the entire solar system! 14 miles high!
- 1950! Mark that date! It's the first recorded instance of a kitten making it to the top of the Matterhorn!
- Mount Everest is growing by app. 4 cm. each year...Climb it now while it's still short!
- Mountains are home to 12% of the world's population.
- Even though mountains cover 20% of the world's land surface, 25% of the world's countries don't have any!
- More than half of the world's fresh water comes from mountains, and *all* of the world's major rivers are fed by mountain sources.
- The longest mountain chain on land is the Andes, some 4,470 miles long. The Mid-Atlantic range (under water) is even longer, 7,000 miles long down the center of the Atlantic Ocean.
- Everyone knows that Everest is the highest mountain on land, at least on our planet (29,029 ft), but do you know what the second highest mountain is? > K2, also in the Himalayas (28, 251ft).
- Throughout Man's history, mountain ranges have tended to isolate people, but this has been both an advantage and disadvantage. Isolation, itself, means that those particular cultures won't advance as fast because they can't share ideas with far off peoples, but it has also provided some protection from being invaded.

...Mountains as a category...Think about it!

